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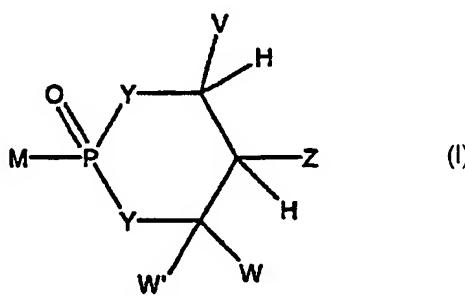
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(57) Abstract: Novel cyclic phosphoramidate prodrugs of drugs of formula (I) of parent drugs MH their use in delivery of drugs to the liver, their use in enhancing oral bioavailability, and their method of preparation are described.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 58-109, 112-149, 110, 111, 167-175
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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2. Claims Nos.: 168-175, 89-96
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 110 and 111 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 58-88, 97-109, 112-149 are directed to a method of treatment of the animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 58-109, 112-149, 110, 111, 167-175

110, 111: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body

58-109, 112-149: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 168-175, 89-96

Claim 89 shows a compound which is designated "formula I" but differs from formula I as shown in claim 1. Furthermore the compound of claim 89 does not contain P, but 6 binding N. Hence, the scope of claims 89-96 is obscure.

The category of the two claims 168 is not clear (prodrug or use of compound of formula I?).

The category of claims 169-175 is not clear (product or process?)

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: completely 22-26, 38-41, 47, 49-57; partially claims 1-21, 27-30, 32-37, 46, 48, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is H (W and V are connect or not) their preparation, use and intermediates

2. Claims: partially 1-22, 27-30, 32-37, 46, 48, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via O, S, N (Z = OR, SR etc.), (W and V are connected or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

3. Claims: completely 30, 31, 42-45 partially claims 1-22, 27-30, 32, 35-37, 46, 48, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via a carbon atom, (W and V are connect or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

4. Claims: partially 1-19, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and V are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

5. Claims: partially 1-29, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

6. Claims: partially claims 1-19, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which W' and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

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